

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

5 MAY 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Administrative Officer, Kent Von Fecht at 1805 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Maury Unger, Jim Dobberteen, Troy Snead, Carroll Bains and Doug Williams. Fred Metz and Chris Vatidis were also present. Absent board members included Dennis Free, Jim Joyner, Rob Wedertz and Otto Stutz.
2. Secretary's Report: The April Board Minutes had been sent out via email. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA Web Site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of 30 April 2010. Jim also presented the 2009 HRANA form 990 tax return. After discussion the board approved the return. Jim will sign and mail the return to the IRS prior to the due date.
4. Membership Report: Doug presented the membership report as of April 2010. The squadron currently shows 50 Charter Members, 246 Life Members, 295 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organization Membership and 3 Corporate Members for a total of 598 active members. The roster shows 11 active duty members and one deceased member. There were 14 new members listed and 7 farewells.
5. Plans and Programs: Proposed events for 2010 are as follows:
 - a. June...Midway Celebration...4 June at the Military Aviation Museum 1940s music will be provided by the Michael Dureg Quartet. Catering will be by Bubba's Deli and BBQ. The speaker will be LCDR George Walsh who flew dive-bombers during World War II. Kent will send out the first reminder flyer on 8 May.
 - b. August...Pig Picking...28 August at the NAS Oceana "O" Club. A group called the Jolly Coachmen (Kingston Trio type music) is being considered as entertainment.
 - c. September...NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet...18-19 September
 - d. November...Flight Suit Social...6 November at the LSO School. Music will be by Tim Hopkins.
 - e. December...Christmas Party... 10 December at the NAS Oceana "O" Club.
6. May Luncheon... Wednesday May 19th. Speaker to be determined.
7. Bingo Report: Fred reported that beginning in August, one half the available money will be allotted to the Monument fund on a quarterly basis.

8. PAO Report: Troy will prepare a press release for the Jet Observer and Virginian-Pilot concerning the upcoming Battle of Midway celebration. He also has pictures from the April luncheon and will prepare an article for Wings Of Gold.
9. Monument Report: Fred reported that all plaques except two are now up. Statue cleaning and waxing is currently in progress. The new camera has been replaced under warranty and is currently awaiting programming.

The board agreed to a proposal that \$1,000 of monument funds be used to install a plaque in memory of LT. Steven Zilberman, USN, the VAW-121 E-2 pilot who gave his life in order to ensure that his crew could bail out safely. The squadron will be allowed to choose the wording on the plaque.

Carroll had a picture of the preliminary “You Are Here” signs to be erected at each end of the monument.

10. Old Business:

- a. Centennial of Naval Aviation ...Fred reported that there will be three events conducted by the three major wings. The squadron will participate as needed but will not have a financial obligation nor receive any outside funding. HRANA/City events at the monument will begin in 2011. The HRANA Air Show Chalet will not be shared as part of any event.
- b. Squadron By-Laws: Copies were passed out for final review and inputs from board members. Fred asked that all comments be sent to him via email with cc to Maury Unger and that these inputs be made as quickly as possible.
- c. USNI Joint Warfighting 2010. 11-13 May, Virginia Beach Convention Center. Jim Joyner has make arrangements for a HRANA booth. Those wishing to take a turn in the booth should register as exhibitors and notify Carroll Bains and Lurch. www.jointwarfighting.org.
- d. 2010 NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours...Kelley Stirling, the NAS Oceana PAO is currently negotiating with a possible tour provider. Kent will attend a meeting on Tuesday 11 May with Kelly and a possible bus source to determine whether tours will continue this year.
- e. Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament. The flyer for this event has been sent out via the email distribution list and is posted on our web site at www.hrana.org.
- f. Virginia Beach Crime Solvers 4th Annual Pig Pickin' ...The board approved publicizing this event via the email distribution list due to membership interest in the Military Aviation Museum and because it is in support of an important program to our community.

11. New Business:

- a. Memorial Day Wreath Laying at the Monument –The board approved up to \$100 for a wreath laying at the Monument. It is tentatively planned to hold the ceremony at 1000 and an invitation will be extended to the Virginia Beach Mayor.

- b. Battle of Midway Commemoration –AIRLANT is planning a ceremony on board U.S.S. GEORGE H.W. BUSH on Friday June 4th. It will be during the afternoon and the exact time will be put out via email once we find out what it is. The ceremony will only be open to active and retired military.
- c. Michael Dureg Additional Funding – It was requested that an additional \$250 be allocated to allow Michael Dureg to use two additional musicians which would allow him to more closely replicate the 1940s sound. This was put on hold until we get a better feel for the numbers attending.
- d. The board approved \$100 to be donated to Pablove Foundation in memory of Julie Washington.

12. C.O./X.O. Comments: None

13. Hot Wash Up: Kent reminded members of the following upcoming event at the Military Aviation Museum:

- a. Annual Warbirds Over The Beach Air Show, 21,22,23 May, 2010. Check www.Vbairshow.com for full details.
- b. Friday night Prime Rib buffets have been discontinued at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club due to poor attendance.

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday 2 June, 2010 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1930.